

**FIREBUGS RETURN TO DESTROY BARN**

Frightened Off From Chester Co. Farm, They Come Back and Fire Structure  
**LOSS \$12,000 IN 31ST BLAZE**

Firebugs, frightened away from the barn of Alphonse Alleva, near Aldam Station, Chester County, early Saturday morning, returned yesterday morning and burned it to the ground. The loss was \$12,000.

Fire marshals and State police were told by George Kellman, who lives close to the lane entering the Alleva farm, that he was awakened Saturday morning by an automobile going up the lane and saw three men get out of the machine and flash a light about the barn. They left hastily, probably frightened by the light which Kellman turned on so he could see to lock his shotgun.

State troopers, working under direction of Major C. M. Wilhelm, believe the men returned Sunday morning and applied their headlights to the barn, and were again seen about the barn shortly before it was fired.

**Thirty-first Barn to Go**  
This was the thirty-first barn to be burned in Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties since early in October and the third to go up in flames in the last four days. Almost all of the fires are thought to have been the work of state troopers, evidences of incendiarism having been found at many. Two other barns within a mile of that of Alleva have been burned.

State troopers and more than a hundred chickens perished in the fire, while twenty cows, a bull and four horses were saved by Mrs. Alleva and her family. Mrs. Alleva was awakened at 3:30 o'clock by an automobile which was burning in the lane leading to the barn. She saw men flashing lights about it, but these were suddenly extinguished, and she noticed the headlights of a car in her rear later she looked from her window and saw flames issuing from the open barn doors where the fodder was stored.

**Neighbors Destroyed Quickly**  
She notified her husband and the two boarders and all four ran to the structure and brought out twenty cows and four horses, but were unable to reach the chickens or the two calves. It was impossible to save the contents of the upper portion of the structure, and thirty tons of corn fodder, a huge quantity of hay, straw, oats, wheat and all the implements were lost. The barn was destroyed within fifteen minutes.

Neighbors saved the dwelling and a tenant house near the barn, buckets being used. No firemen were called, being considered useless since there was no water for their use. The snow covering the roofs added much in protecting the buildings other than the barn.

Fire Marshal John V. Nolan, of Malvern, after an investigation, said he was convinced the fire was the work of a fire-bug. He notified Marshal Soule, of Coatesville, while the State police in West Chester sent a detail out at once.

**Mystery Automobile Seen**  
No tracks of an automobile were found on the lane leading to the burned building, and it is believed it was halted on the road about the time the melting of the snow obliterated tracks of persons about the barn, and those of early arrivals on the fields could not be seen within a short time.

George Bowman, living in the nearest house to the scene of the fire, gave a clue to the mysterious automobile and a fair description of it. He had driven his 1921 Buick into the barn on Sunday night, and when returning early Sunday morning saw a machine being zig-zagged about the road ahead of him near Deakins Station. He was afraid to hold-up, and kept behind it. It was turned suddenly and driven past him and along the road. A few moments later it again returned and was driven directly toward the Alleva farm.

**PARROT'S CRY OF "FIRE" NOT A BURGLAR ALARM**  
Bird Awakens Owner Who Finds Kitchen Aflame After Card Party  
A pet parrot saved a three-story apartment house, the Juanita, 1328 Jefferson street, from destruction by fire early today.

C. J. Doyle, who has an apartment on the top floor of the Juanita, had a card party in his kitchen last night. The fire started in the kitchen at 11:30. When the players had gone, Doyle retired, but a few moments after he had gone to sleep, he was awakened by the shrill screams of his parrot, which he kept in the kitchen.

In the last few weeks, three attempts have been made by burglars to enter Doyle's apartment. Thinking the bird had been alarmed by another attempt to force an entrance, Doyle rushed into the kitchen with his revolver. Instead of burglars, he found the woodwork in the kitchen in flames.

Doyle, who is a cripple, called the neighbor, and with his help put out the fire before arrival of the firemen. It is thought the flames started from a cigar butt, thrown on the floor by one of the card players.

**FIND BOY DEAD IN CREEK**  
Fishing Rod and Line Discovered Near Body  
Park guards have been unable to identify a Negro boy, about twelve years old, whose body was found partially submerged in Cobb's Creek at Sixty-third and Arch streets yesterday afternoon.

A fishing rod and line was found near the body and park guards believe that the boy fell into the stream while fishing and drowned. The body was sent to the morgue.

**On Way to This City**



**MRS. PEGGY CAFFEE**  
Woman Also disappeared when Hammer slayer escaped from jail, is reported to have relatives here

**DRY AGENT ARRESTED FOR ACCEPTING "BRIBE"**

**Homer Robbins Brought Here After Luzerne Police Make Charge**  
Homer Robbins, a special prohibition agent, was brought to Philadelphia today by a Department of Justice agent, charged with accepting what he thought was a bribe from a hotelkeeper in Luzerne, near Wilkes-Barre.

Robbins was arrested Saturday night when, according to the agents, he accepted the supposed bribe in marked money while police officers were concealed under the table as the deal took place.

Police of Luzerne say that Robbins called a few days ago at a hotel owned by Joseph Zelinsky and demanded \$300. Zelinsky told him to return Saturday night and in the meantime told the chief and assistant chief of police of Luzerne.

The police officers concealed themselves under a table and when Robbins arrived he was taken to the room where the policemen were hidden. Zelinsky says he handed him marked money which was found in Robbins' pocket by the police when they arrested him.

**AUTO SALESMAN TO PAY FOR DAMAGE TO ROAD**  
Pitman Officials Hold Car Driver Over New Concrete Surface  
The pleas of his employer obtained the release from the Woodbury jail last night of R. W. Weeks, an automobile salesman of this city and a former army aviator, who drove a car for 300 yards over the soft concrete of a newly surfaced road at Pitman, N. J.

The heavy motorcar churned ahead through the concrete Saturday night, leaving deep tracks in its wake. When it stalled neighbors held Weeks until police arrived. Justice of the Peace Haines committed him to jail for thirty days.

Although Weeks was released, the township officials are holding the car as security for the payment of damages to the road. A contractor today began patching up the ruts.

**HOLD HUMAN FORTRESSES**  
Wilmington Police Arrest Two Philadelphia Men on Suspicion  
Salvatore Marine and Samuel Conti, both of Philadelphia and the latter recently of Wilmington, Del., who were arrested in that city yesterday and found to be heavily armed, were arraigned in Municipal Court, Wilmington, this morning. The men were arrested when they were about to board a train for Philadelphia and each had two pistols, one an automatic, and ammunition.

They have refused to make any statement about their intentions. At the request of counsel their hearing was postponed until a week from tomorrow, to which time they were held under \$2500 bail each. Being unable to furnish security they were committed.

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**CITY HALL IN BOWER**  
Christmas Trees and Greens Once More Surround Big Building  
City Hall began to take on its atmosphere of Christmas today, when the first of the Christmas trees and greenery which are sold there arrived.

Besides providing a holiday decoration for the municipal building, the scene the center of interest for boys and girls out with their parents on shopping tours.

**FIRE DRIVES OUT ROOMERS**  
Six occupants of a rooming house fled to the street at 7 o'clock this morning when a fire, caused by a cigarette falling on a mattress, swept through the upper floors of a three-story brick building at 2008 South Street. The house owned by Fred Thomas.

Damage estimated at several hundred dollars was caused in the two upper floors before being extinguished.

**SAY MRS. CAFFEE IS COMING HERE**

Disappeared From Los Angeles When Clara Phillips Broke Out of Jail

**CHIEF WITNESS FOR STATE**  
Peggy Caffee, chorus girl and chum of Clara Phillips, who was convicted in Los Angeles of the murder of Alberta Meadows, is on her way to this city, according to a report received from an east-bound Santa Fe train at Albuquerque.

Mrs. Caffee, it is said, has relatives in this city. She has refused to discuss the recent escape of her former chum.

Los Angeles, Dec. 18.—Officials in the search for Clara Phillips, who escaped from prison while serving a term for the murder of Alberta Meadows, are searching for an unnamed woman who they believe holds the key to the mystery. Under-Sheriff Biscanell said it would be a matter of days before he would be able to identify her. He declared it was virtually certain that the woman could give information as to the persons who aided Mrs. Phillips in her escape.

Tea women inmates of the county jail were questioned yesterday. In all, more than twenty persons have been interrogated.

Word from Kansas City police shattered what was at first believed to be an important clue to Mrs. Phillips' whereabouts. Officers discovered a telegram sent two days after the escape to an address in Kansas City, and signed "Clara." The wire stated a registered letter was to follow. According to the police of the Eastern city, the party to whom the telegram was addressed knew nothing of Clara Phillips.

According to a telegram received here yesterday, Clara Phillips is in Via Juana. The telegram states that the "tiger woman" can be seen daily in the streets of the Mexican border town. The sender of the telegram, according to Biscanell, is of good repute along the border. Unofficial reports from Government officials at San Diego give credence to the story.

**RIDGE AVENUE IS GAY**  
Roxborough's Shopping District Puts on Festal Display for Holidays  
Roxborough business men have decorated the main shopping district of that section, which is on Ridge avenue between Lyceum and Leverington avenues, with electric light streamers, Christmas trees and placards, giving the street a festive appearance.

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**\$12 Satin-Finish Bed Sets \$8.49**  
Exceptionally fine quality; neat Marcelline patterns. Cut corners and scalloped edges. Size 80x90. Bolster throw to match.  
**\$13 Wool Blankets, pr. \$8.95**  
Extra fine white wool with slight cotton mixture. Dainty pink or blue borders and silk mohair binding. 76x84 inches.  
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**\$1.65 & \$2 Fine Embroidered Flannels \$1.29 & \$1.49**  
White wool flannels with silk-embroidered borders in various pretty designs. A very nice Christmas gift for the baby or small girl!  
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**Boys' \$6 Sweaters, \$4.98**  
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